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1. APAG CHAIRMAN KASTL CIRCULATED FOLLOWING NOTE TO ALL APAG MEMBERS ON JANUARY 20.

2. BEGIN TEXT OF NOTE:

NEXT MEETING OF APAG

IT HAS BEEN AGREED THAT APAG SHOULD MEET AT THE CERCLE CULTUREL DE ROYAUMONT AT ASNIERES-SUR-OISE IN FRANCE FROM 14TH TO 17TH APRIL, 1975.

IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE FIRST WORKING SESSION OF THE MEETING SHOULD BE HELD AFTER DINNER ON THE EVENING OF 14TH APRIL, AND THE CLOSING SESSION ON THE MORNING OF 17TH APRIL. A MORE DETAILED PROGRAMME, INCLUDING ADVICE ABOUT TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION, WILL BE CIRCULATED SEPARATELY.

THE TITLE AGREED FOR THE APAG DISCUSSION IS "THE PROSPECTS FOR EAST/WEST EXCHANGES IN AN INCREASINGLY INTER-CONFIDENTIAL

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DEPENDENT WORLD". EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN THAT IT IS MOST HELPFUL TO HAVE WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING, THE MAXIMUM POSSIBLE NUMBER OF WRITTEN CONTRIBUTIONS, WHICH SERVE TO FEED THE DISCUSSION AND TO INDICATE AREAS WHERE GREATEST INTEREST LIES.

IN THIS WAY, PARTICIPANTS CAN COME TO THE MEETING BEST
PREPARED NOT ONLY TO PUT FORWARD THEIR OWN VIEWS BUT TO DISCUSS
THOSE OF OTHERS.

WITH THE ABOVE CONSIDERATIONS IN MIND, I ACCORDINGLY
INVITE ELEGATIONS TO SUGGEST TO THEIR AUTHORITIES THAT
WRITTEN CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE MEETING SHOULD REACH ME BY NOT
LATER THAN 28TH MARCH, WITH SUFFICIENT COPIES FOR DISTRIBUTION
TO ALL PARTICIPANTS. IN THE LIGHT OF THE WRITTEN CONTRIBUTIONS
RECEIVED, I WILL CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF LISTING THE MAIN
TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION AND PREPARING FOR DISTRIBUTION IN ADVANCE
OF THE MEETING A SUGGESTED STRUCTURE FOR THE DEBATE AS A WHILE.

I WOULD TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REPEAT THAT THE
VALUE OF THESE MEETINGS IS DEPENDENT UPON THE PARTICIPATION IN
THEM OF SENIOR AND INFLUENTIAL OFFICERS PREPARED TO ENGAGE, ON
A PERSONAL BASIS, IN THE FREEST POSSIBLE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS.

END TEXT OF NOTE

3. COMMENT: AS REPORTED IN REFTTEL, NAC DECIDED JANUARY 15
THAT TITLE FOR APAG MEETING WOULD BE AS SHOWN IN KASTL'S NOTE,
WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT MEETING WOULD DISCUSS NATURAL RESOURCES
INCLUDING RAW MATERIALS, ENERGY, AND FOOD IN EAST-WEST CONTEXT.
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